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Over fifty per cent of those discontinued November 1, are now paid up and back on the list. Others who are paying no attention to notices will be sued, if necessary to force to collection.

WILL KEEP AFTER IT

There is every indication that the various industries, the business men and citizens of Alma intend to have a new passenger station, to replace the antiquated, unsanitary, and highly inadequate station of years gone by, a station built for Alma when it was a struggling hamlet with seemingly small chance for being anything else, a station built over twenty years ago for the needs of a place of less than 2,000.

Alma has passed the infant stage and has become a city, and is more than anxious to shed the last vestige of her swaddling clothes, and assume a gown that is more than up-to-date and in keeping with her growth.

She needs, as well as wants, a new passenger station from the railroads, one that is sanitary, and can be kept in that condition, conforming to all of the rules of health; a depot, which will be sufficiently large to accommodate those who are forced to depend upon the railroads as a means of travel, especially during bad weather, when people desire to be indoors as much as possible; a depot, where hundreds of cans of milk and crates of chickens are not left around on the platform, where the public must gather the aroma, which is frequently given off from them.

Alma furnishes the railroads with a great amount of business, both in freight and traffic, which leaves the railroads without one good excuse for not giving the city what it needs, and demands.

Two by four additions, a coat of paint now and then, and once in a great while a new floor or a new shingle for the roof, is not going to satisfy Alma, judging from the names which appear on the petition which is going the rounds, copies of which will go to the railroads, the American Railway Express, the State Board of Health and the State Railroad Commission.

She is not satisfied with a depot where health laws are violated daily, making a depot that is a menace to public health.

Alma has "got her dander up" and intends to scrap it out to get the new passenger depot that the city needs.

BEAUTIFYING ALMA

Alma has reached the stage, where she is beginning to take great pride in her civic beauty, a fact which brought about various acts during the past year on the part of the city officials, which are aids in making Alma a city beautiful.

The most important work of this kind is that which has been done in Wright park. Some years of agitation were needed to awake the city to the need of starting the work, which is to make this wooded spot one worthy of the city and one worthy of the man who gave it to the city and to the memory of him for whom it was named.

The work is not done, is still far from done, yet Wright Park is today a far more attractive place, with its animals, its general air of cheerfulness, than in the past. In another year, when a beautiful lawn covers the barren patches of ground of the past, it will become more beautiful, and with the addition of flower beds will be more attractive to Alma people and to visitors to the city, than it could ever have been had it remained only a wooded tract of several acres.

Seville Township
I will be at the Riverdale State bank on Thursday, December 12, 19, and January 2 and 9, and at the bank of Elwell Saturday, December 14, 21, 28, and January 4, for the collection of Seville township taxes.
Chas. E. Egan,
Treasurer Seville Township.

WELL KNOWN ALMA RESIDENT IS DEAD

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The remains were taken Monday to the old home, where the funeral service was held from St. Joseph's Catholic church yesterday.

Ship, Esther, Simon, Henrietta and Marion.
Sarah J. Britton
Mrs. Sarah J. Britton of Emerson township died Saturday after a short illness, at the age of 73 years. The body was taken to Linden, where the funeral was held Tuesday. She had lived in Gratiot county for the past twenty-five years.

NEW CERTIFICATES

Anticipation Certificates to Aid in Solving Tax Problems.

Aside from maintaining public order and the defense of life and property the most vital function of Government is the provision of money, or an acceptable medium of payment and exchange.

The financial needs of the Govern-

ment, in war and after that for the restoration of the peace footing, are very large. Heavy taxation is necessary and the problem of meeting the Federal taxes without affecting the equilibrium of money and credits vital to the welfare of the nation. To meet the condition of raising six billion dollars of taxes in 1919 the Government has decided on two policies: (1) Installment payment of

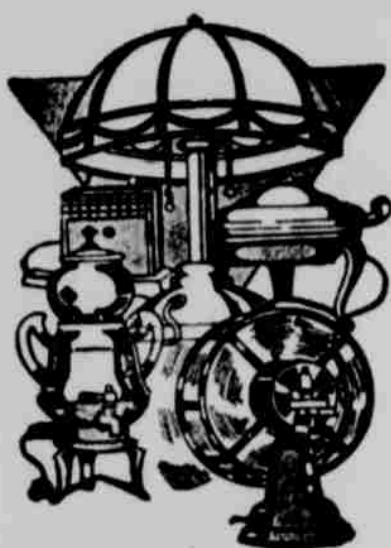
the taxes on incomes and profits—the first installment falling due March 15; (2) The issuance of Tax Anticipation Certificates bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest and maturing at the time the taxes must be paid.

Invest that cash in a perfectly safe Government security, at a fair rate of interest, and in a form which will be accepted by the Treasury in tax payments March 15, 1919. Under this plan it will be possible to avoid any disturbance of the money market and credit conditions at the incidence of the enormous tax payments next spring.

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-6f

Pine River Township
I will be at the following places to collect taxes for Pine River township: At hardware store, Forest Hill, December 12, 19, 26, and January 2 and 9, at the First State bank, Alma, December 13, 20, 27, and January 3, and at the Commercial Savings bank, St. Louis, December 14, 21, 28, and January 4.
Don E. Hayes, treasurer.

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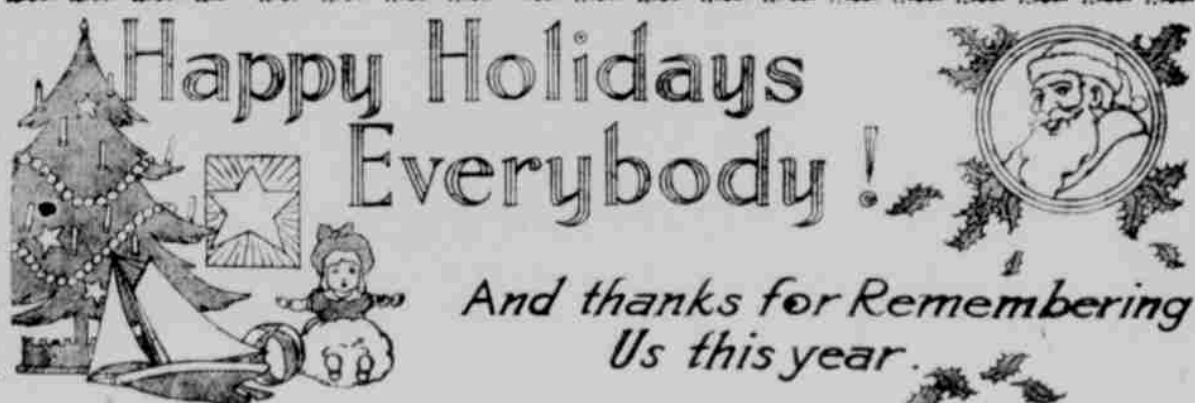
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